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Dear Ms. Hanlon:

I am writing to ask that the Department of Energy recommend to President George Bush that the site at Yucca Mountain, Nevada is designated the national repository for high-level radioactive waste and spent fuel.

Many years of effort have been spent on siting a national disposal facility and the Department has identified a suitable location. Storing high-level radioactive waste at one location is a better option than continuing to accumulate spent nuclear fuel at more than 70 sites throughout the nation.

The nuclear industry has been handling, storing and transporting spent nuclear fuel for years. The containers used for these purposes have been designed and built to specifications that can withstand extreme conditions. These containers have been put through exhaustive testing and have an outstanding record of safety and performance.

The National Academy of Sciences recently affirmed that the geologic disposal is the only scientifically and technically credible solution to the high-level radioactive waste storage issue. The scientific evidence concludes that Yucca Mountain meets or exceeds the criteria for this type of facility.

For these reasons, I urge the Department to recommend the Yucca Mountain site to the President.

Further, I see that Nuclear Power and related technologies form a vital portion of the United States' economy. Nuclear power provides a source of clean electrical power that is not dependent on fossil fuels, dramatic changes to our rivers, landscapes, or skylines. Granted, it has taken time for the industry to mature into a reliable and efficient power production sector, however, currently we are attaining production goals that five years ago were dreams. Other countries have proven that nuclear power is capable of being the primary electric generation source. We are currently seeing the impact in natural gas prices and home heating costs as more small independent power producers come into the market place. There have been several significant increases in gas prices as more of these units come into production. They are not the only cause for the price increases, but the laws of supply and demand still apply. The competition for nuclear fuels is much more limited, and very few if any use them directly, to heat their homes. In short, the USA needs nuclear power, and nuclear power needs, and has been paying for, a high level nuclear repository. Please recommend the Yucca Mountain Site.

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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